favour of Madras Refineries Limited (MRL) for setting up of an Aromatics Complex at Manali in Tamilnadu. MRL plans to set up this project as a joint venture. Modalities in this regard are being worked out.

Separate division of Coal India Limited

*3. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coal India Limited has decided to open a separate Division from the Talcher and Ib valley coalfields in Dhenkanal and Sambalpur Districts of Orissa;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey was conducted regarding coal deposits in the area; and

(d) if so, how much quantity of coal would be available in the said areas, specially in the State of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir. However, a Chief General Manager has been posted to be in charge of coal fields in Orissa.

(b) The Chief General Manager as well as the General Managers of Talcher and Ib Valley will report to Director (Technical) (South), South Eastern Coalfields Limited in Bilaspur. It is proposed to have adequate delegation of powers both to the GMs and CGM located in Orissa to facilitate for expeditious development in the region.

(c) and (d) According to the inventory of coal reserves carried out by the Geological Survey of India upto the year 1987, the coal reserves in Orissa comprising Talcher coalfields in Dhenkanal District and Ib Valley coalfields in Sambalpur District are as follows:—

(Reserve in m.t.)

	Proved	Indicated	Inferred	Total
Ib-Valley Coalfield	2148.81	6463.75	8195.56	16808.12
Talcher coalfield	3059.23	5712.79	14082.68	22854.70
	5208.04	12176.54	22278.24	39662.82

Irregularities committed by officers of Gas Authority of India Limited

*4. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Blitz dated the 9th April, 1988 captioned "GAIL head Pipes out funds" and if so what are the details thereof;

(b) the number and nature of irregularities committed by high officers of Gas Authority of India Limited;

(c) whether Government have since inquired into all the irregularities; and